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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Ápplicant : William W. Smith III, et al.

Application No. : 09/684,010 Filed : October 6, 2000

Title : Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping

Management Functional Alignment of Computer

Devices

Grp./Div. : 3629

Examiner : Plucinski, Jamisue A. Docket No. : PSTM0002/MRK

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 140 S. Lake Ave., Suite 312 Pasadena, CA 91101-4710 July 15, 2008

Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008 regarding the above-identified application, please enter the amendments, and the response and remarks, as indicated below. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments made below, the responsive remarks below. The March 17, 2008 Office Action set a three-month time period in which to respond, namely, until June 17, 2008. A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month (until July 17, 2008), and the appropriate fee, are filed concurrently herewith. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response is timely filed within the one-month extension period because it is filed before the expiration of July 17, 2008.

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u> that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.